

Detailed Action

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED PRIORITY BASED CONNECTION
ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN A PNNI ATM NETWORK**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant attorney, James Henry, Reg. No. 41,064 agreed on 12/09/2008.

Examiner Amendment

3. In the amended specification shown with underlining (for added matter) and strikethrough/double brackets (for deleted matter).
4. In the specification on page 7, paragraph 15, please amend as follows;

[0015] (Currently amended) The PNNI routing and signaling scheme is often said to be a "source routing" scheme because the appropriate path for a network connection is determined at the node that acts as its source endpoint or "source node" (e.g., node 1021 for connections initiated by node 1051). Patent Application 09/996,485 ~~filed on November 27, 2001, which has issued as U.S. Patent No.~~ (hereinafter, "the earlier patent") and which has been assigned to the assignee of the present application, describes a method and apparatus for priority based connection establishment within a PNNI ATM network that allows for bumping of connections.

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